

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. MAPLEWOOD HOTEL, White Mountains, N.H. Friday, (Aug. 20, 1904.) My dear Alec:

You said you weren't going to forget me. Now I don't honestly believe you've forgotten me, but I do think you might remember that my interest in my family doesn't cease with my departure therefrom and I want to be informed as to what it's doing once in a thousand — minutes! You had to have lights hung out our windows when you went spreeing. I want telegraphic flashes lighting the darkness that has settled down between us.

The telephone young lady here says she thinks we could telephone to Baddeck, that the atmosphere is very clear. Mamma shrewdly suspects that she has never telephoned to Canada and is quite eager for the experiment.

Mamma and I drove to the county town to buy my grandbabies some shoes, stockings and for the oldest some “nighties”. We went in for Gertrude's shoes first, but I forgot her slippers and the measure I had made seemed so enormous that we couldn't make up our minds that it was right, and we didn't have time to buy the stockings. But we had the drive. The country is intensely interesting geologically, we drove through and over pure sea sand today. They have rural free delivery here and the shiney new letter-box in front of every tiny, tumble down, unpainted, wooden shanty, is somehow very impressive. They have so little of anything else but they have a 2 liveried servant come once at least, in horse and carriage to serve them.

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Lovingly always yours, Don't forget to roll the tennis court, have a big big kite ready for me.
Charlie wants you to give Gardiner breathing lessons.